Supporting information

3D plasmonic chiral colloids

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A. Experimental Methods

1. Materials

 $HAuCl_4 \cdot 3H_2O$, Hexadecyltrimethyl ammonium bromide (CTAB), Sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), Tris (2-carboxyethyl) phosphine hydrochloride (TCEP), Bis (*p*-sulfonatophenyl) phenyl phosphine dihydrate dipotassium salt (BSPP), Silver nitrate (AgNO₃), Sodium borohydride (NaBH₄), L-ascorbic acid, Trisodium citrate dehydrate (C), and Citric acid were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. All chemicals were used as received without further purifications. All oligonucleotides were purchased from Invitrogen.

2. Preparation of the DNA origami

Rectangular origami templates were prepared according to reference¹ with several changes. All of the side staples were left out to prevent aggregation via helix stacking interactions between adjacent origami. Three groups of different capture strands were designed to assemble AuNRs on the origami templates. These capture strands were extended by 15 bases with specific sequences. The rectangular DNA origami was annealed at a ratio of 1:5:10 for the M13 strand, capture strands, and staples strands. The DNA origami was subsequently assembled in a 1×TAE/Mg²⁺ buffer (Tris, 40 mM; Acetic acid, 20 mM; EDTA, 2 mM; and Magnesium acetate, 12.5 mM; pH 8.0) by cooling slowly from 90 °C to room temperature. The DNA origami was then filtered with 100 kDa (MWCO) centrifuge filters to remove the extra capture strands and staple strands.

3. Synthesis of the AuNRs

A two-step method was used to synthesize AuNRs according to reference².

a. Synthesis of the AuNR seeds

 $50 \ \mu L \text{ of } 2\% \ (w/v) \ HAuCl_4 \ solution \ and \ 7.5 \ mL \ of \ 100 \ mM \ CTAB \ solution \ were \ added \ to \ a$ $25 \ mL \ flask. \ A \ 600 \ \mu L \ of \ ice-cold \ NaBH_4 \ solution \ (10 \ mM) \ was \ added \ to \ the \ flask \ under \ vigorous$ stirring. The color of the solution changed quickly to yellowish brown. The resulting solution acted as nucleation seeds for the AuNR synthesis in the next step.

b. Synthesis of the AuNRs

An 80 μ L of 2% (w/v) HAuCl₄ solution was added to a10 mL of 100 mM CTAB solution. 75 μ L of 10 mM AgNO₃ solution and 50 μ L of 100 mM L-ascorbic acid solution were added to the flask in order. A 20 μ L seed solution was added to the mixture solution under stirring. The final solution was kept undisturbed at 28 °C about 5 hours after being stirred for 1 minute.

c. Purification of the AuNRs

A10 mL AuNR solution was centrifuged at 8000 rpm for 30 minutes and then the supernatant was removed with a pipette. The pellet was suspended in 10 mL water. The solution was centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 25 minutes and the supernatant was collected. The AuNR solution was then centrifuged at 8000 rpm for 30 minutes. The supernatant was discarded. The pellet was suspended in 100 μ L water. The concentration was measured by a UV spectrometer.

4. Preparation of the AuNRs modified with thiolated DNA

The disulfide bonds in the thiolated oligonucleotides were reduced to monothiol using TCEP (20mM, 1h) in water. The oligonucleotides were purified using size exclusion columns (G-25, GE Healthcare) to remove small molecules.

The purified DNA was added to the AuNR solution (OD \sim 1) containing 0.01% (w/v) SDS with a molecular ratio of 4000: 1. The mixture solution was incubated for 6 hours at 28 °C. Then the buffer concentration was adjusted to 1× TBE (89 mM Tris, 89 mM boric acid, 2 mM EDTA, pH 8.0) from a 10× TBE buffer. After that, a 5M NaCl solution was slowly added until the final concentration of NaCl reached 500 mM in 24 hours.

Subsequently, the AuNR-DNA conjugates were centrifuged at 8000 rpm for 25 minutes. The pellet was suspended in a 1 mL $0.5 \times$ TBE buffer containing 200 mM NaCl while the supernatant was discarded. The same centrifugation procedure was repeated three times to completely remove the excess thiolated DNA.

5. Self-assembly of the AuNRs on the DNA origami templates

The purified rectangular DNA origami structures were mixed with the AuNR-DNA conjugates at a ratio of two AuNRs for each binding group on the DNA origami. The mixture was annealed from 45 °C to 25 °C for 30 cycles in 2 hours.

6. Purification of the DNA origami assembled AuNRs

The annealed product of the DNA origami assembled AuNRs was loaded in a 0.8% Ethidium Bromide stained agarose gel (running buffer $1 \times \text{TAE/Mg}^{2+}$, loading buffer 60% glycerol, 15 V/cm). Selected bands were cut out and the DNA origami assembled AuNRs were extracted from the gel with Freeze-Squeeze columns (Bio-Rad) at 4 °C or by electro-elution with dialysis tubing membranes (MWCO: 50K).



Fig. S1 Extinction spectra of the left- (red) and right-handed (blue) twisted AuNR structures.

7. TEM characterization of the DNA origami assembled AuNRs

The samples for TEM imaging were prepared by depositing a 4 μ L of the sample solution on a carbon-coated TEM grid. After 10 min, the excess solution was wicked from the grid using filter paper. To remove the deposited salt, the grid was washed with a droplet of water and the excess water was wicked away using filter paper. A droplet of a 0.7% uranyl acetate solution was used to treat the grid and the excess solution was wicked away. Then, the grid was treated with a second droplet of the uranyl acetate solution for 40 seconds and the excess solution was removed using filter paper. All the grids were kept at room temperature. TEM studies were conducted using a Tecnei G2-20S TWIN, operating at 200 kV in a dark field mode.

8. Circular Dichroism measurements

The CD spectra were measured by a Jasco J-815 spectropolarimeter using the following parameters: wavelength range, 200 nm to 900 nm; optical length, 0.5 cm; scanning speed, 200 nm/min.

Quantitative analysis of bands on the agarose gel was performed using Image J (<u>http://rsb.info.nih.gov/ij/</u>). The target bands yields of left-handed crosses and right-handed crosses were 65.1% and 67.4%, respectively. Target bands were cut out; the AuNRs crosses were extracted from the gel and imaged with TEM. The yields on the TEM images were counted to be 80.5% (91/113) for left-handed structures and 82.2% (88/107) for right-handed structures.



B. Supporting figures and legends

Fig. S2 Additional TEM images of the left-handed twisted AuNR structures (top scale bar: 20 nm; bottom scale bare: 200 nm).



Fig. S3 Additional TEM images of the right-handed twisted AuNR structures (top scale bar: 20 nm; bottom scale bare: 200 nm).

C. DNA strands used in the experiment

1. Capture strands



Fig. S4 Design of the left-handed twisted AuNR structure.



Fig. S5 Design of the right-handed twisted AuNR structure.

Binding Site (red)

R27, AATAATAATAATAATAATTATTCGACTCTGCAAGGCGATTAAGTTCGCATCGT R31,AATAATAATAATAATAATTGGAGAAGCAGAATTAGCAAAATTAAAGTACGG R32, AATAATAATAATAATAATTTGTCTGGAAGAGGTCATTTTTGCGCAGAAAAC R33a, AATAATAATAATAATAATTGAGGAATGAATGTTTAG R35, AATAATAATAATAATAATTTGAGGACTAGGGAGTTAAAGGCCGAAAGGAAC R39, AATAATAATAATAATAATTGATGTGCTAGAGGATCCCCGGGTACTTTCCAG R40,AATAATAATAATAATAATAATTATGTGAGCATCTGCCAGTTTGAGGGAAAGGGG R41, AATAATAATAATAATAATTAGTTAGATCTACTGATAATCAGAAAAGCAACATTAA R42,AATAATAATAATAATAATTATTCAAGGCAACTTTATTTCAACGCAATTTTTGAG R43, AATAATAATAATAATAATT TTTTGATAAGTTTCATTCCATATACATACAGG R44, AATAATAATAATAATAATTATTATAGTAAACCATAAATCAAAAATCATTGCTCC R45, AATAATAATAATAATAATTTGTGAATTACAGGTAGAAAGATTCAGGGGGTA R46, AATAATAATAATAATAATTTCGAAATCTGTACAGACCAGGCGCTTAATCAT

2. Sequences used in the assembly of the DNA origami template 13 TGGTTTTTAACGTCAAAGGGCGAAGAACCATC 14 CTTGCATGCATTAATGAATCGGCCCGCCAGGG 15 TAGATGGGGGGTAACGCCAGGGTTGTGCCAAG 16 CATGTCAAGATTCTCCGTGGGAACCGTTGGTG 17 CTGTAATATTGCCTGAGAGTCTGGAAAACTAG 18 TGCAACTAAGCAATAAAGCCTCAGTTATGACC 19 AAACAGTTGATGGCTTAGAGCTTATTTAAATA 20 ACGAACTAGCGTCCAATACTGCGGAATGCTTT 21 CTTTGAAAAGAACTGGCTCATTATTTAATAAA 22 ACGGCTACTTACTTAGCCGGAACGCTGACCAA 23 GAGAATAGCTTTTGCGGGGATCGTCGGGTAGCA 24 ACGTTAGTAAATGAATTTTCTGTAAGCGGAGT 25 ACCCAAATCAAGTTTTTTGGGGGTCAAAGAACG 26 TGGACTCCCTTTTCACCAGTGAGACCTGTCGT 27a GCCAGCTGCCTGCAGG 27 TCGACTCTGCAAGGCGATTAAGTTCGCATCGT 28 AACCGTGCGAGTAACA 29 ACCCGTCGTCATATGTACCCCGGTAAAGGCTA 30 TCAGGTCACTTTTGCG 31 GGAGAAGCAGAATTAGCAAAATTAAAGTACGG 32 TGTCTGGAAGAGGTCATTTTTGCGCAGAAAAC

33a GAGAATGAATGTTTAG 33 ACTGGATAACGGAACAACATTATTACCTTATG 34a, CGATTTTAGAGGACAG 34 ATGAACGGCGCGACCT GCTCCATGAGAGGCTT 35 TGAGGACTAGGGAGTTAAAGGCCGAAAGGAAC **36 AACTAAAGCTTTCCAG** 37 AGCTGATTACAAGAGTCCACTATTGAGGTGCC 38 CGGGAAACGGGCAAC 39 GATGTGCTAGAGGATCCCCGGGTACTTTCCAG 40 ATGTGAGCATCTGCCAGTTTGAGGGAAAGGGG 41 AGATCTACTGATAATCAGAAAAGCAACATTAA 42 TCAAGGCAACTTTATTTCAACGCAATTTTTGAG 43 TTTTGATAAGTTTCATTCCATATACATACAGG 44 TATAGTAAACCATAAATCAAAAATCATTGCTCC 45 TGTGAATTACAGGTAGAAAGATTCAGGGGGGTA 46 TCGAAATCTGTACAGACCAGGCGCTTAATCAT 47, AGGCTTGCAAAGACTTTTTCATGAAAATTGTG 47a, AGGCTTGCAAAGACTT 48 CGTAACGATCTAAAGTTTTGTCGTGAATTGCG 49 GTAAAGCACTAAATCGGAACCCTAGTTGTTCC

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